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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 67339-50492160@requests.muckrock.com

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Re: FEMA FOIA Case Number 2019-FEFO-00282

Dear Mr. Gottinger:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated February 11, 2019 and received in this office on February 13, 2019. You are seeking A copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Federal Emergency Management Agency who were terminated/retired or left the agency for any reason for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

A search of Office of the Chief Component Human Capital Officer (OCCHCO) for documents responsive to your request produced a total of one excel spreadsheet of responsive data. We are granting your request under the FOIA, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and DHS' implementing regulations, 6 C.F.R. Chapter I and Part 5. After carefully reviewing the responsive documents I determined that they are appropriate for public release. They are enclosed in their entirety; no deletions or exemptions have been claimed.

You have the right to appeal if you disagree with FEMA's response. The procedure for administrative appeals is outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.8. In the event you wish to submit an appeal, we encourage you to both state the reason(s) you believe FEMA's initial determination on your FOIA request was erroneous in your correspondence and include a copy of this letter with your appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal within 90 days from the date of this letter to fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov, or alternatively, via mail at the following address:

FEMA

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Information Management Division (FOIA Appeals) 500 C Street, SW, Seventh Floor, Mail Stop 3172 Washington, D.C. 20472-3172 As part of the 2007 amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road- OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001

E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: https://ogis.archives.gov

Telephone: 202-741-5770/Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Facsimile: 202-741-5769

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, you may contact FEMA at (202) 646-3323, or you may contact FEMA's Public Liaison in the same manner. Please reference the subsequent case identifier: **FEMA 2019-FEFO-00282.**

Sincerely,

Greg Bridges

Lead Government Information Specialist

Enclosure(s): Excel Spreadsheet, 1 Page